

Western Carolina University: Birth-Kindergarten Degree Program: Professional Education Concentration

Eligibility Requirements for Program and Concentration Admission

- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher in all former programs and universities, considered in good standing, and approval of BK Admissions Council.
- Students must receive acceptance to the [Teacher Education Program](#) before taking concentration courses.
 - Student must pass or exempt the Praxis Core to apply for the Teacher Education Program.
 - Students must maintain a 2.75 GPA and a "C" in all BK/BKSE courses for TEP acceptance and continuation.

It is the student's responsibility to assure that all degree and program requirements are met. This plan is not a binding contract.

PREREQUISITE	Course Information	Credit Hours	Proposed Semester	Final Grade
varied	Liberal Studies (42 hours) selected from courses seen here			
2.75 GPA, BK acceptance	Required Core (27 hours) [all 2.75GPA for registration and continued enrollment]			
2.75 GPA, BK acceptance	BK 250 – Introduction to Birth Kindergarten requires OFE early field experience (EFX) app and placement in approved early childhood classroom	3	FA/SP	
2.75 GPA, BK acceptance	BK 260 – Foundations of Child Study	3	SP/SU	
2.75 GPA, BK acceptance	BK 361- Environments for Young Children	3	SU/FA	
2.75 GPA, BK acceptance	BK 363 -- Child Development (NCCCS EDU 144&145 or PSY 244&245)	3	SP	
2.75 GPA, BK acceptance	BK 462 - Adult/Child Interaction (NCCCS EDU 146)	3	SU	
2.75 GPA, BK acceptance	BK 470 – Early Childhood Curriculum (NCCCS EDU 259)	3	FA/SP	
2.75 GPA, BK acceptance	BKSE 345 – Adaptations and Modifications for Young Children with Disabilities	3	SP/SU	
2.75 GPA, BK acceptance	BSKE 415- Eval & Intervention of Social-Emotional Competencies in Young Children	3	FA/SU	
2.75 GPA, BK acceptance	SPED 240 –The Exceptional Child (NCCCS EDU 221)	3	FA/SP	
All above plus TEP	Concentration Courses (21hours) Teacher Education Program acceptance required			
TEP continuation met	BK 312 – Kindergarten Curriculum requires OFE early field experience (EFX) app and placement in approved public NC Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms	3	SP	
TEP continuation met	BK 316 – Mathematics and Science	3	SU/FA	
TEP continuation met	BK 410 - Literacy in Preschool and Kindergarten	3	SP/SU	
TEP continuation met	BKSE 313 – Assessment of Young Learners with Disabilities	3	FA	
TEP continuation met	BKSE 412 – Interagency Planning	3	SP/SU	
TEP continuation met	BKSE 350 -- Early Childhood Disorders and Interventions	3	SU	
TEP continuation met	BKSE 427 – Teaching Reading to Individuals with Mild to Moderate Disabilities	3	SP/SU	
	GUIDED ELECTIVES EDU/BK Courses completed at Community College or WCU	13		
2.75 GPA, TEP met, OFE Application required	Required Internship (17 hours) **OFE Application required February before Internship I (BK 473) starts in August**			
Application complete Liberal Studies complete	BK 473 - Internship I • This is the first of two state mandated internships • Requires OFE and program approved field experience 2 full days per week • Successful completion of edTPA	6	FALL ONLY	
Complete all degree and program requirements prior to enrollment	BK 483 - Internship (8) and BK 496 (3) - Seminar • These collectively are the second of two state mandated internships. • Requires OFE and program approved field experience 5 full days per week • BK 483 and BK 496 are completed in the last semester	11	SPRING ONLY	

OFE and program approved internship sites: public NC Pre-K, public NC Kindergarten, and Head Start classrooms (not Early Head Start)

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Other Requirements:

- The requirements for continuing in the B-K PED program:
 - 1) Maintain a GPA of at least 2.75 on hours attempted at WCU.
 - 2) Completion of all BK/BKSE Courses with a "C" grade or higher. "C-"and below must be repeated.
 - 3) Behavior which adheres to the code of ethics of the profession and the North Carolina BK Standards.
 - 4) Satisfactory participation in ALL required professional early field experiences.
 - a. **All field experiences** must be in classroom settings approved by the Office of Field Experiences and the instructor.
 - b. These experiences are in addition to internship requirements listed above in course information.
- Birth-Kindergarten PED students are responsible for all course and program information posted in Canvas courses, on the BK Support Site, in the BK handbook, and in the WCU catalog.
- Application is required for entry into BK 473.
 - Application must occur by February the spring semester before enrolling in BK 473
 - No more than two courses may be taken with BK 473.
 - Birth-Kindergarten PED students must successfully complete edTPA in BK 473
 - No courses can be taken or repeated between BK 473 and BK 483/BK 496.
- No courses may be taken in conjunction with BK 483 and BK 496. BK 483 and BK 496 are co-requisites for degree seekers.

Note: Almost all BK and BKSE courses have some level of field experience that requires face-to-face interaction with students and environments beyond online class assignments. Consider time for field experiences when planning your schedule. Academic Advisor: Greg McLamb gmcclamb@wcu.edu | 828.227.3755